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Title APPARATUS FOR FILTERING AND SEPARATING FLUIDS

Sir

For the Amendment

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. If, as a result of the amendment, an additional fee is required, please charge it to:

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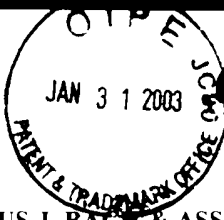
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January 31, 2003

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of 10/03/02, enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the period for response by one month so that the new due date is 02/03/03

Please amend the above-identified application as follows

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows